

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DR.-ING PETER AMBORN, ET AL.

App. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Filed: CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH

For: TUBULAR CONNECTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims in the patent application identified above, before calculating the total amount of filing fee required for that application.

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "loc" and substitute --lock--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one more punches" and substitute --one or more punches--.

6. (Amended) A process according to any of [claims 1 to 5] Claim 1 wherein the material for forming the first tubular element is selected to be the same as the material for forming the first tubular element is selected to be the same as the material for forming the second tubular element.

7. (Amended) A process according to [any of claims 1 to 5] Claim 1 wherein the material for forming the first tubular element is selected to be different to the material for forming the second tubular element.